

[Edinburgh November 16, 1715.]

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Of three Letters, giving an Account
of the total Defeat of the Rebels
at *Prestoun* in *Lancashire*.

Carlisle November 14, 1715.

SIR,

AT seven a Clock this Night we have the comfortable News of the Rebels in *Lancashire* being defeated at *Prestoun* by General *Wills* and his Forces, and that *Carpenter* came up to compleat the Action, as we are informed by several Letters from thence to my Lord *Lonsdale*, and our Governour, the Contents of which I have seen, particularly, That *Forrester*, *Darnwater*, and the Chiefs are killed, and that not many of any Rank are escaped. They fought it very desperately, being in the Town of *Prestoun*, tho' they had the General's Summons to surrender, and might expect the King's Clemency. All the Accounts agree, That not many of the Rebels have escaped. I am, &c.
To the Provost
of *Drumfries*. Signed, JOS. PARKER.

Carlisle November 15th, at 5 in the Morning.

SIR,

I Could but send you an imperfect Account last Night of the Rebels Defeat; but I have just now an Express, which tells me, That these poor Devils, who escaped Slaughter in the Town, fled to the Church, and begged Quarter; but General *Wills* did not think it consistent with his Orders to allow it them. I hope this will prove a decisive Stroke to the Rebellion. As early as it is, I have ordered the ringing of the Bells, and other Rejoicings will follow. Pray forward this good News to *Edinburgh*, that the Duke of *Argyll* may have it as soon as possible. I am, &c.

Signed, THO. STANWIX.

Drumfries November 15, 1715.

My Lord Provost,

AT Five a Clock at Night I send you in Haste this second Express, with an Account of a compleat Victory over the Rebels in *Prestoun*. We have no more Particulars than what the two inclosed Copies bear, one from the Governour of *Carlisle*, the other from my Correspondent in *Carlisle*. It appears there has been a great Slaughter among them after they refused to surrender and submit to His Majesty's Clemency, which was offered to them by General *Wills*, and rejected. I am in Haste,

Directed,
To the Honourable
my Lord Provost of
Edinburgh. 56

My Lord,
Your most humble Servant,
Signed ROBERT CORBET.